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Applicant(s):	Stefan M. Pulst	Group Art Unit:	1653
Serial No.:	08/981,998	Examiner:	A. Bugaisky
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For:	NUCLEIC ACID ENCODING	) 3 SPINOCEREBELLAR A'	TAXIA-2 AND

PRODUCTS RELATED THERETO

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments to the specification:

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

At page 7, line 1, please delete "presisposition" and insert therefor -- predisposition--.

At page 8, line 33, please insert -- (SEQ ID NO:16)-- after "ataxin-2 protein".

At page 8, line 34, please insert -- (SEQ ID NO:18)-- after "(A2RP)".

At page 8, line 34, please insert -- (SEQ ID NO:17)-- after "SCA2 homologue".

At page 44, line 2, please insert -- (SEQ ID NO:6)-- after "TCG -3')".

At page 44, line 3, please insert --(SEQ ID NO:7)-- after "TGG-3')".

At page 46, line 6, please insert --(SEQ ID NO:8)-- after "TCC".

At page 46, line 7, please insert -- (SEQ ID NO:9)-- after "CCG".

At page 46, line 8, please insert -- (8EQ ID NO:10)-- after "CTT".

At page 46, line 9, please insert -- (SEQ ID NO:11)-- after "CAG".

At page 47, line 9, please insert -- (SEQ ID NO:12)-- after "TGT".

At page 47, line 10, please insert -- (SEQ ID NO:13)-- after "ACC".

At page 47, line 10, please insert -- (SEQ ID NO:14)-- after "CCA".

At page 48, line 35, please insert -- (SEQ ID NO:15)-- after "AAG".